

Claim 13

A server comprises:

information storage means for an anonymous code, which is used as information for a customer when the customer purchases an article from a shop, correlated with delivery address information for the customer;

anonymous code input means for, upon the receipt of an article to which an anonymous code is attached, printing the anonymous code; and

delivery address information output means for examining the information storage means to output the delivery address information for the customer that is correlated with the anonymous code.

Claim 14

The server according to claim 13, further comprising:

code generation means for generating the anonymous code upon the receipt of a remotely sourced request.

Claim 15

The server according to claim 13, wherein the information storage means deletes the anonymous code when a predetermined period of time has elapsed.

Claim 16

The server according to claim 13, wherein the information storage means deletes the anonymous code when the anonymous code has been used once.

Claim 17

The server according to claim 13, further comprising:

solvency confirmation means for confirming the

solvency of the customer; and

payment proxy means for paying a price charged for the article to the shop when the solvency of the customer is confirmed by the solvency confirmation means.

Claim 18

A server for a shop, which delivers an article that is ordered by a customer who supplied an anonymous code, to the customer via a third party that manages the anonymous code and personal information for the customer, comprising:

an order acceptance unit for accepting an order from the customer via a network;

an anonymous code inquiry unit for querying the third party via the network concerning the anonymous code supplied by the customer; and

a slip output unit for, when the anonymous code inquiry unit obtains a conformation for the anonymous code from the third party, printing the anonymous code on a slip to be attached to the article and outputting the slip.